GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:731
ANSWERED ON:17.05.2000
IMPACT OF LIBERALISATION
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made an assessment after ten years of liberalisation on the impact it has created on growth rate of employment, farm labour and their wages;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the comparative figures in this regard to 1980, 1990 also; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to create favourable situation for the Labour in the country.

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA)

a) to d) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 731 BY SHRI MADHAVRAO S(AND SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE REGARDING IMPACT OF LIBERALISATION FOR REPLY ON 17.05.2000.

As per the information furnished by Planning Commission on the basis of latest comprehensive surveys on Employment & Unemployment conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) during 1987-88 (43rd round) and 1993-94 (50th round) average annual growth rate of employment as per Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status (UPSS) during 1987-88 and 1993-94 was 2.43 %. This implies a positive employment growth.

The growth rate of employment in agriculture sector during 1987-88 and 1993-94 was 2.14 %. The growth rate during 1983 to 1987-88 was 0.37%.

While comparing the figures of 1981-1991 and 1991-1998, it revealed that the increase in the annual real wage rate of unskilled agricultural workers was in the ratio of 2:1.

With regard to minimum wages, Central Government has tried to prescribe national minimum wages from time to time.Recently, Central Government has recommended to the State Governments that the floor level wages may be kept as Rs. 45/- per day. Government has implemented various labour laws for rights of labourers, their social security, health and welfare. The schemes being implemented in the rural & urban areas for poverty alleviation and employment generation will also have favourable effect on the welfare of labourers.